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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND METHOD OF  
DETERMINING STAGE OF DISEASE OR DEGREE OF  
DYSFUNCTION WITH REGARD TO RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS

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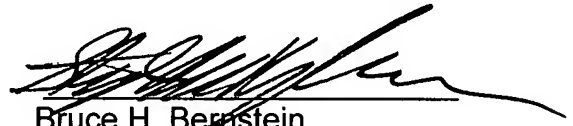
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